

# KNOW before you THROW

## HOWARD COUNTY, MD



### June News from Howard County Recycling

#### Juneteenth - Regular Curbside Collections



In observance of [Juneteenth National Freedom Holiday](#), Howard County offices will be **closed** on Monday, June 19. Alpha Ridge Landfill will be **open**.

There will be regular curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash that week.

[Learn which holidays slide](#)

#### Flag Retirement at Alpha Ridge Landfill

##### Flag Day is June 14th!



If you have worn or tattered flags that can no longer be flown, please bring them to our Flag Retirement drop-off at the [Residents' Convenience Center at Alpha Ridge Landfill](#).

Representatives from the [American Legion Adams, Hanna, Moore Memorial Post 156](#), retrieve the flags and dispose of them in a dignified fashion as required by the U.S. Flag Code. Quarterly ceremonies are conducted in coordination with local Scout troops. Last quarter, over 700 unserviceable flags were collected from Alpha Ridge Landfill and respectfully retired. Over 3,000 flags have been retired since the program's start in 2015.

[Residents' Convenience Center](#)

#### Know Before You Throw: Compostable Products

CERTIFICATION MARK	LOCK UP
	 <div>COMMERCIALLY COMPOSTABLE ONLY. FACILITIES MAY NOT EXIST IN YOUR AREA. CERT #0000000</div>

If you participate in our Feed the Green Bin program you may be familiar with the terms "[BPI Certified](#)" or "[ASTM D6400](#)." These two specifications indicate whether a product is certified compostable in an industrial composting facility. Our [Composting Facility](#) at Alpha Ridge Landfill is able to accept packaging that meets either of these specifications. If you see the BPI logo or ASTM D6400 designation, feel free to add those materials to your [green bin](#) at home or at the [Residents' Convenience Center](#).

**Did you know?** Biodegradable and compostable have two very different meanings. Unlike certified compostable products, those labeled "biodegradable" don't need to meet the same timeframe requirements for biodegradation. In addition, many non-compostable items are marketed as "biodegradable" causing significant confusion among consumers as well as contamination at industrial composting facilities. For those reasons, always checking for the BPI and ASTM D6400 labels is crucial.

[Understanding ecolabels](#)

#### Register for an Art & Crafts Event

### Art & Crafts Upcoming July events

- REPURPOSE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TO CREATE A BIRD FEEDER. RESIDENTS MUST BRING AN ALUMINUM CAN AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.  
SATURDAY, JULY 15 AT 10 AM – 2 PM  
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER 3000  
MILLTOWNE DR ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043
- REPURPOSE YOUR TOILET PAPER ROLLS TO MAKE BINOCULAR. RESIDENTS MUST BRING TWO TOILET PAPER ROLLS AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 AT 1 PM – 5 PM  
GARY J ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER 2400  
ROUTE 97, COOKSVILLE, MD 21723

MAXIMUM PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH EVENT WILL BE 20 INDIVIDUALS.

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### Art & Crafts Upcoming August events

- REPURPOSE YOUR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE TO MAKE A DRAGONFLY. RESIDENTS MUST BRING A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 AT 10 AM – 2 PM  
ROGER CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER 3000  
MILLTOWNE DR ELLICOTT CITY, MD 21043
- REPURPOSE YOUR PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE TO CREATE A PENCIL HOLDER. RESIDENTS MUST BRING A PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE AND ALL ART SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 AT 1 PM – 5 PM  
GARY J ARTHUR COMMUNITY CENTER 2400  
ROUTE 97, COOKSVILLE, MD 21723

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#### Attend a Composting Demonstration

Learn the basics of composting and take home a **FREE** backyard bin



Feed your garden organically, recycle kitchen scraps and yard trim and improve your soil's health!

The Howard County Master Gardeners are here to help educate residents and answer any gardening questions. Attend a composting demonstration and get started making your own valuable soil amendment.

June Demonstrations

- Saturday, June 3, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, June 3, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Wednesday, June 7, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library (during the Farmers Market)
- Sunday, June 11, 12:00pm - 5:00pm [Summer Solstice Maker's Mart](#) at Robinson Nature Center
- Monday, June 12, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, June 17, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, June 17, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, June 17, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Savage Branch Library
- Wednesday, June 21, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library (during the Farmers Market)
- Monday, June 26, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library

Download the 2023 Schedule



Alpha Ridge Landfill



Curbside Collections



Feed The Green Bin



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[Bureau of Environmental Services](#)  
9801 Broken Land Parkway  
Columbia, MD 21046  
410-313-6444  
Normal hours:  
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

[Alpha Ridge Landfill](#)  
2350 Marriottsville Rd  
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Normal hours:  
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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